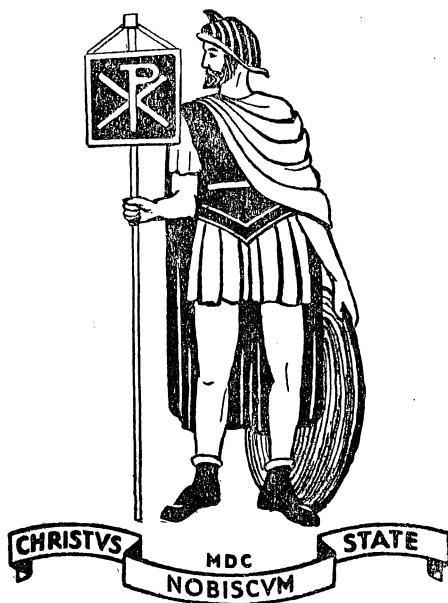


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EDITORIAL

Once again magazine time is upon us and here we have the 1965 edition in which you will find all the news and exploits of Alcester Grammar School and its pupils, together with a selection of the best examples of the poetic and literary dexterity of our scholars.

As you will no doubt gather from the following pages, last year was a very successful one for the school, both academically and socially, the Summer Term finishing with the great triumph of the school Shakespeare production. We hope that this year is an even better one for the school.

S. Tuckey, Ingrid Ison.

NOTES and NEWS

We are very sorry to be losing Mr. J. R. Packham who has been with us since September 1956 and is now taking up a post as Lecturer in Botany at the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire College of Technology. We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating him on gaining the degree of Master of Science at Bristol University, after five years' part-time ecological study, using a habitat at Studley College. Miss R. Farrimond, B.A., who has taught English here since January 1961 has also decided to leave and is moving to Alun Grammar School, Mold, Flintshire. Mrs. J. Secker, B.Sc., who has taken charge of Chemistry since September 1963 is going to Goldthorp in Yorkshire where her husband has a new appointment. We wish all three good luck in their new work.

During the Autumn Term a visit was paid to the Earls Court Motor Show, by the fifth and sixth forms. The party went to the Planetarium later in the afternoon.

The annual junior and senior Christmas parties were held in the hall and both were very successful.

The sixth form Christmas dance was held on Tuesday 29th December in Alcester Town Hall. A profit was made from this function and was used to pay for the refreshments at the staff-sixth form tennis match.

Part of the sixth form Physics group went with Mr. Sawyer to the Midland Institute to a lecture on 'Hovercraft' on Wednesday, 16th December.

The Christmas concert was held at the end of the Autumn term. The following people took part: Beale and IIL boys (various folk songs), Hancock (piano), L.VI boys ('The song that Gardini made famous'), Ann Ramwell, A. Fox and Chittock ('The Bear'), Strain (miming), Mary Longford (impressions), Febery (singing), Maureen Grubb (piano), Cotter and Hancock (shadow operation), Cotter, Moulson and Hancock (The Peers' song from 'Iolanthe'), IVA boys (sketch from 'Billy Bunter'), L.VI boys (Lifeboat song). Strain, R. Atcheson and P. Atcheson (miming to records), VB girls (comedy sketch), L.VI boys ('Take Five'), Anne MacAleese, Budgen, Gazzard, Mason, Tanner, Tuckey and Wright (parody on 'Midsummer Night's Dream').

The carol service was held in Alcester Parish Church on Friday, 18th December, the collection being given to the Church of England Children's Society. Lessons were read by Ann Ramwell, Ingrid Ison, Susan Perkins, Sylvia Jones, Tuckey, Tanner, Mason, the Headmaster and the Rector.

Speech Day was held on Tuesday, 9th March, and prizes were presented to the following pupils by J. B. Butterworth, Esq., M.A., J.P., Vice-Chancellor of the University of Warwick.

Form IS. 1. D. E. Holmes; 2. Judith Orange; 3. J. H. Walker
 Form IL. 1. M. Beale; 2. T. N. Saunders; 3. Pamela Mutton
 Form IIM. 1. Susan Holder; 2. Jacqueline Howard; 3. T. J. Evans
 Form IIS. 1. C. Saunders; 2. Jean Wright; 3. Dilys Rees
 Progress Prize: D. J. Taylor
 Form IIIB. 1. Vivienne Powell; 2. P. R. Bruce-Moore
 Progress Prize: S. A. Walker
 Form IIIA. 1. A. Fox; 2. R. P. Wilson; 3. D. G. Parkes
 Progress Prizes: Hilary Bradshaw, Pamela Richardson
 Form IVB. 1. D. W. Bensen; 2. Susan Shepherd; 3. Elaine Thomas
 Form IVA. 1. R. J. Smith; 2. Judith Bell; 3. S. J. Chittock
 Progress Prize: N. C. Dyer
 Form VB. P. G. Hancock
 Form VA. 1. Celia Burn; 2. Hilary Jackson; 3. A. W. Cotter
 Form L.VI. Arts. Patricia Bullock, Ingrid Ison, Ann Ramwell
 Form L.VI. Science. D. A. Wright, R. W. Tanner
 Form U.VI. 1. Mary Mahoney; 2. Sheila Michell
 The Mason Cup: A. Fox
 The Spencer Cup: Mary Mahoney
 Head Girl's Prize: Margaret Buckingham
 Head Boys' Prize: C. J. Such

Members of the sixth form biology group went for a field week in Snowdonia with Mr. Packham and sixth form members from Redditch County High School from April 7th to April 11th inclusive.

We are pleased to congratulate Timothy Jones and Christine Whateley on gaining Duke of Edinburgh awards, and Jones again on being selected for a three weeks exchange scheme to the United States; he is now a Queen's Scout. Monica Gay has won her First Class Guide's badge; she is the youngest guide in the district to receive the award.

The annual Biology and Geography outings were well-supported, the Biologists going to Chester Zoo on Thursday, 8th July and the Geographers going to North Wales on Friday, 16th July.

Members of the upper sixth, who are hoping to go to universities next year, went to a conference at Redditch County High School, on the problems of going to University, on Friday, 17th July.

The school play, Shakespeare's 'Midsummer Night's Dream', was performed, on 15th, 16th and 17th July, with great success. Many thanks are due to Mrs. Price who produced the play.

The school had a holiday on Wednesday, 21st July, to celebrate the signing of Magna Carta in 1215.

The tennis match between the staff and the upper sixth took place on Monday, 19th July, the staff winning by 8 matches to 1. Mr. Petheridge, Miss Hewitt, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Bonham, Mr. Packham and Mrs. Secker represented the staff and Lindsay Morrisson, Sylvia Jones, Ingrid Ison, Patricia Bullock, Susan Perkins and Mason represented the upper sixth. Many other members of staff and sixth form pupils were present and the evening was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Whitehouse on the birth of their second son on March 11th.

Jill Webley won the singles' tennis final against Pamela Richardson at the end of the summer term.

After the brief stay of Mrs. S. J. Millar in the Autumn Term we have unfortunately been without a music teacher; we can now welcome Mrs. M. E. Olney who lives in Studley. Other new members of staff in September 1965 are Miss D. K. Bywater, B.A., from Ackworth School to teach English, and Mr. C. J. Johnson, B.Sc., from London to take charge of Chemistry. We hope they will all be happy here with us.

Hearty congratulations to the following on their awards:-

Arts and Crafts. Bronze Medals: M. Walton, Fox, M. Beach, P. Mutton, A. Perkins, J. LeResche, Holmes, M. Newborough, J. Morris, J. Beale, C. Pagett, A. Chapman, Wilson, J. MacAleese, S. Holmes, K. Pope, I. Ison.

Silver Medals: J. Goodall, J. Jacques, S. Holder, J. Armsden, H. Jackson, A. Boyd, S. Perkins.

Arts and Crafts Cup: Susan Perkins (546 points).

House Shield: Newport (3,589 points).

Sports Trophies.

Cross Country House Cup: Wells.

Cross Country Individual Senior Cup: Forster.

Games Shield: Newport.

Bronze Medals: H. Vondrak, H. Walker, Litchfield, D., Eagleton, Fleming.

Silver Medals: A. Rogers, C. Butler, W. Faulkner, Forster, Litchfield, R., Jones, T., Rippington.

Junior Victrix Ludorum: A. Rogers.

Victrix Ludorum: W. Faulkner.

Victor Ludorum: Forster.

Girl's Sports Cup: Spencer.

Boys' Sports Cup: Spencer.

Sports Shield: Spencer.

It was a great pity that heavy rain caused the abandonment of the presentation of awards by Mrs. G. T. Collins (Old Scholar and wife of the present High Bailiff of Alcester, also an Old Scholar) but we thank her for her presence during the afternoon.

GIRLS' GAMES 1964-5

HOCKEY

Captain: L. Morrison. Secretary: P. Mahoney.

Our 1st, U.15 and U.14 teams have achieved only moderate success, but greater success is hoped for during next season when the teams, especially the junior teams, will have gained more experience.

The Hockey teams have been represented by the following:

1st XI. Jean Cund, Sally King, Ingrid Ison, Carol Rimell, Marion Wright, Susan Shepard, Ann Ramwell, Lindsay Morrison, Patricia Mahoney, Judith Bell, Mary Longford, Patricia Bullock, Ann Price.

U.15 XI. Meryl Newbrough, Jill Webley, Linda Ray, Virginia Wilkes, Anthea Jaggard, Wendy Baseley, Heather Vondrak, Pamela Richardson, Linda Henson, Jane Radbourne, Amanda Walter, Valerie Harvey, Audrey Rogers, Jane Beale, Jacqueline Gray, Julie MacAleese, Ann Thorpe, Sandra Skinner.

U.14 XI. Jacqueline Howard, Jean Wright, Gillian Elmes, Caroline Hancock, Audrey Rogers, Ann Perkins, Gillian Richards, Pamela Crowe, Allison Brazil, Marilyn Whateley, Christine Walter, Christine Allwood, Mary Richardson, Caroline Reader, Jane Beale, Jacqueline Gray, June Dennison.

RESULTS

Kings Norton Grammar School — Away
1st. XI drew 0—0; U.15 XI won 3—0; U.14 XI lost 1—0

Worcester Grammar School — Home
1st. XI lost; U.15 XI won; U.14 XI lost 2—1

Chipping Campden Grammar School — Away
1st. XI won 4—2; U.15 XI lost 2—0

Stratford-upon-Avon Grammar School — Home
Senior XI lost 5—3; Junior XI won 7—1

Redditch County High School — Away
1st. XI lost 2—1; U.15 lost 4—0

Evesham Grammar School — Away
1st. XI drew 2—2; U.15 XI lost 4—3

Kidderminster High School — Away
1st. XI lost 4—1; U.15 XI lost 5—1; U.14 XI lost 4—0

Full colours were awarded to: Sally King, Mary Longford, Judith Bell.

Half colours were awarded to: Valerie Harvey, Jane Radbourne, Linda Ray, Linda Henson, Anthea Jaggard, Pamela Richardson.

TENNIS

Moderate success has been achieved by our tennis teams but the Juniors show very promising play and thus we hope to improve results next year.

The tennis teams have been represented by the following: Lindsay Morrison, June Jacques, Ann Ramwell, Ingrid Ison, Marion Wright, Patricia Mahoney, Judith Bell, Mary Longford, Carol Rimell, Anthea Jaggard, Jill Webley, Pamela Richardson, Meryl Newbrough, Patricia Mahoney, Hilary Seviour, Sally King, Heather Vondrak, June MacAleese, Linda Ray, Amanda Walter.

Colours were awarded to: June Jacques, Jill Webley, Anthea Jaggard, Pamela Richardson.

RESULTS

- Stratford Grammar School — Home
1st. VI lost 6—3; 2nd. VI won 7—2
- Redditch County High School — Away
1st. VI lost 5—4; 2nd. VI lost 5—4
- Chipping Campden Grammar School — Away
1st. VI won 6—3; 2nd. VI lost 7—2
- Worcester Grammar School — Home
'A' VI losing 4—3 (abandoned)
- Prince Henry's Grammar School, Evesham — Away
Senior VI won 7—2; Junior VI won 8—1

ROUNDERS

The rounders teams have been represented by the following:

Marilyn Whateley, Audrey Rogers, Ann Perkins, Gillian Richards, Carilyn Hancock, Christine Walter, Ann Yates, Christine Allwood, Annabel Smith, Gillian Elmes, Hilary Walker, Pat Beddows, Janet Watts, Gillian Howard, Gillian Clifford, Jane Beale, Cynthia Butler, Jacqueline Collett, Jacqueline Gray, Sheila Newton, Amanda Walter, Ann Thorpe, Sandra Skinner, Jane Radbourne, Linda Ray, June MacAleese, Heather Vondrak, Geraldine Jolliffe, Margaret Ison.

Colours were awarded to: Audrey Rogers, Heather Vondrak, June MacAleese, Jane Radbourne, Sandra Skinner, Lynda Ray.

RESULTS

- Stratford Grammar School — Home
U.14 IX drew 1—1; U.15 IX won 10½—5
- Redditch County High School — Away
U.15 IX lost 16½—24½
- Chipping Campden Grammar School — Away
U.15 IX won 5½—2
- Worcester Grammar School — Home
U.15 XI won 5½—3
- Prince Henry's Grammar School, Evesham — Away
Junior IX lost 7½—11

BOYS GAMES 1964-5

FOOTBALL

Captain: Bakewell.

Vice-Captain: Barlow.

Secretary: Jones.

This year the school first XI has had one of its most successful seasons for several years. Although only four matches were won, and one drawn, the margin of defeat in matches lost was much less than in previous seasons.

Undoubtedly the best matches played were the two against Hartlebury G.S., the first of which was drawn, and the second lost after a very hard fought and tense struggle.

It is impossible to single out any member of the team as deserving special praise, for throughout the season we have played as a team, and enthusiasm and team spirit has seen us through.

Colours were gained by Righton, Ross and Lewis.

RESULTS

A.G.S.	v	Tewkesbury	4—1
A.G.S.	v	Hartlebury	3—3
B.U.G.S.	v	A.G.S.	7—1
A.G.S.	v	Chipping Campden	1—3
A.G.S.	v	Redditch	1—4
A.G.S.	v	B.U.G.S.	5—2
A.G.S.	v	Hartlebury	1—2
A.G.S.	v	Greenmore	2—5
A.G.S.	v	B.U.G.S.	2—0
A.G.S.	v	Chipping Norton	5—2
A.G.S.	v	Chipping Campden	0—4
A.G.S.	v	Redditch	1—4

CRICKET

Captain: Bakewell.

Secretary: Jones.

Vice-Captain: Cotter.

Scorer: Guillaume.

This year the school cricket XI has enjoyed little success as can be seen by the table of results. The team is far from ashamed of this record, however, as half the team are members of the lower school, showing keenness and remarkable skill for their age.

We were only heavily defeated by Hartlebury G.S. and we came near to victory at Redditch, failing to dismiss their tail-end batsmen, and enabling them to score seventy-seven.

The whole team are to be commended for their efforts, especially Righton who took twenty-two wickets for an average of only five runs, and J. Yapp who has proved a reliable batsman.

RESULTS

- A.G.S. v Chipping Campden — lost by 6 wickets
A.G.S. v Hartlebury — lost by 66 runs
A.G.S. v Redditch (Away) — lost by 22 runs
A.G.S. v Redditch (Home) — lost by 8 wickets
A.G.S. v King's Norton — lost by 40 runs
A.G.S. v Bromsgrove — lost by 48 runs
A.G.S. v Tewkesbury — lost by 7 wickets

INTERMEDIATE RUGBY

Captain: S. Walker.

Vice-Captain. Burn.

Owing to a lack of experience and forward weight our limited results do not appear very good. However, our teams never lacked enthusiasm, and the courage of each team member should be praised.

Our three games took place in appalling conditions, twice in the pouring rain and once on a very narrow field.

Those who represented the school were:

Taylor, Ash, Bradford, Rippington, D. Lichfield, D. Watts, Peters, Stratford, Fox, Yapp, Daw, Griffin, Burn, Bruce-Moore, Jones, Guillaume, Gidlow, M. Walker, S. Walker.

RESULTS

- Tewkesbury Grammar School (away) — lost 29—0
Tewkesbury Grammar School (away) — lost 43—0
Redditch County High School (home) — lost 15—3

FIRST FORM AND UNDER-13 RUGBY

Last season the school introduced under-13 and first form rugby teams. Although not a great deal of success was recorded, the teams played with great spirit and enthusiasm in all matches and deservedly recorded one victory. Everybody played extremely hard and the prospects for the coming season look extremely bright.

RESULTS**UNDER 13**

- v Bidford — lost 3—12
v Bidford — lost 5—14
v Walkward — lost 0—6

FIRST FORM

- v Woodrush — lost 3—10
v Woodrush — lost 0—12
v Bidford — won 25—5

ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS, JULY 1965

(N—Newport; S—Spencer; W—Wells. * Indicates new record)

SENIOR BOYS

100 yards: 1. Forster (S); 2. Jones, T. (W); 3. Cotter (W);
4. Brookes, R. (N).
220 yards: 1. Forster (S); 2. Jones, T. (W); 3. Brookes, R. (N);
4. Barlow (W).
440 yards: 1. Forster (S); 2. Jones, T. (W); 3. Vondrak (N);
4. Lewis (S).
880 yards: 1. Forster (S); 2. Lewis (S); 3. Vondrak (N);
4. Jones, T. (W).
1 Mile: 1. Forster (S); 2. Lewis (S); 3. Green (W); 4. Vondrak (N).
Long Jump: 1. Forster (S); 2. Jones, T. (W); 3. Brookes, P. (N).
High Jump: 1. Jones, T.* (W); 2. Forster (S); 3. Bakewell (N).
Discus: 1. Forster (S); 2. Righton (W); 3. Bakewell (N).
Shot: 1. Forster (S); 2. Moulson (S); 3. Bakewell (N).
Javelin: 1. Bakewell (N); 2. Righton (W); 3. Mellor (S).

INTERMEDIATE BOYS

100 yards: 1. Rippington (W); 2. Litchfield, R. (S); 3. Taylor, D. (N);
4. Walker, M. (W).
220 yards: 1. Litchfield, R. (S); 2. Rippington (W); 3. Walker, M. (W);
4. Taylor, D. (N).
440 yards: 1. Litchfield, R. (S); 2. Lamb (W); 3. Yapp (N);
4. Walker, M. (W).
880 yards: 1. Litchfield, R. (S); 2. Taylor, D. (N); 3. Lamb (W);
4. Yapp (N).
Long Jump: 1. Rippington (W); 2. Litchfield, R. (S); 3. Steed (S).
High Jump: 1. Rippington (W); 2. Litchfield, D. (S); 3. Yapp (N).
Discus: 1. Litchfield, D. (S); 2. Walker (W); 3. Beech (S).
Shot: 1. Litchfield, D. (S); 2. Beech (S); 3. Rippington (W).
Javelin: 1. Beech (S); 2. Rippington (W); 3. Yapp (N).

JUNIOR BOYS

100 yards: 1. Fleming (W); 2. Eagleton (S); 3. Smith, M. (W);
4. Hancock, P. (N).
220 yards: 1. Hancock, P. (N); 2. Febery (S); 3. Clarke (N);
4. Rimell (N).
440 yards: 1. Eagleton (S); 2. Clarke (N); 3. Rimell (N); 4. Wright (N).
Long Jump: 1. Wright (N); 2. Hayne (W); 3. Eagleton (S).
High Jump: 1. Fleming (W); 2. Pritchard (W); 3. Clarke (N).
Cricket Ball: 1. Pritchard (W); 2. Rimell (S); 3. Eagleton (S).

RELAYS

Senior: 1. Wells; 2. Newport; 3. Spencer.

Junior: 1. Spencer; 2. Wells; 3. Newport.

Mass: 1. Spencer; 2. Newport; 3. Wells.

TUG-OF-WAR: 1. Newport; 2. Wells; 3. Spencer.

SENIOR GIRLS

- 100 yards: 1. W. Faulkner (S); 2. A. Price (W); 3. L. Henson (S);
4. M. Gallagher (W).
- 220 yards: 1. A. Price (W); 2. M. Newborough (S); 3. M. Gallagher (W);
4. M. Longford (S).
- Long Jump: 1. L. Henson (S); 2. H. Vondrak (N); 3. M. Longford (S);
4. M. Newborough (S).
- High Jump: 1. W. Faulkner (S); 2. J. Radbourne (S); 3. L. Henson (S);
4. P. Bullock (S).
- Discus: 1. W. Faulkner (S); 2. S. King (S); 3. R. Clifford (N);
4. A. Walter (W).
- Javelin: 1. P. Bullock (S); 2. H. Vondrak (N); 3. M. Wright (N);
4. A. Walter (W).
- Rounders Ball: 1. M. Wright (N); 2. H. Vondrak (N); 3. H. King (S);
4. A. Walter (W).

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

- 100 yards: 1. J. Gray (S); 2. A. Rogers (S); 3. J. Janus (S);
4. J. Beale (S).
- 150 yards: 1. J. Gray (S); 2. A. Rogers (S); 3. G. Richards (N);
4. J. Bugler (S).
- Long Jump: 1. A. Rogers (S); 2. A. Perkins (N); 3. C. Walter (W);
4. J. Janus (S).
- High Jump: 1. A. Rogers (S); 2. J. Beale (S); 3 = J. MacAleese (N);
J. Janus (S).
- Discus: 1. A. Smith (W); 2. V. Harvey (N); 3. L. Ray (S);
4. M. Richardson (N).
- Javelin: 1. L. Ray (S); 2. W. Baseley (W); 3. J. MacAleese (N);
4. G. Whitehouse (S).
- Rounders Ball: 1. C. Allwood (S); 2. A. Perkins (N); 3. L. Ray (S);
4. J. Collett (N).

JUNIOR GIRLS

- 100 yards: 1. C. Butler (W); 2. H. Walker (W); 3. G. Clifford (N);
4. L. G. Howard (N).
- 150 yards: 1. M. Walker (W); 2. G. Howard (N); 3. J. Watts (S);
4. J. Morris (W).
- Long Jump: 1. C. Butler (W); 2. S. Boyce (S); 3. S. Douglas (S);
4. S. Newton (W).
- High Jump: 1. S. Newton (W); 2 = E. Tarver (W), R. Clarke (S).
4. S. Douglas (S).
- Rounders Ball: 1. C. Butler (W); 2. J. Morris (W); 3. M. Ison (S);
4. H. Walker (W).

RELAYS

- Senior: 1. Spencer; 2. Newport; 3. Wells
- Junior: 1. Wells; 2. Spencer; 3. Newport.

THE PLAY

This year the school production, in which most forms were concerned, was 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Although rehearsals began last autumn, few members of the cast knew their words really well before the dress rehearsals, which meant the prompters were rather busy.

During the last few weeks the cast were joined by the stage management. Mason again had the responsible, if thankless, task of stage manager, and he was helped by members of the fifth form who effected some very speedy scene changes. For the first time we had our own lighting equipment and this was put to good use by Chapman and Bakewell who obtained some unusual effects. Patricia Mahoney and Susan Perkins were also back-stage as prompters, although fortunately few of the cast needed their help on the night.

The costumes were again hired from Stratford Theatre. Miss Simm was responsible for the scenery, which was original and most effective, and Mr. Benton, helped by his woodwork group, constructed the flats.

The whole production was, of course, the result of teamwork between all those concerned. However, without Mrs. Price the whole production would have been impossible. The amount of work that she puts into a production is fantastic, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking her on behalf of everyone concerned.

Thanks are due also to Mr. Sawyer, for his advice on lighting and sound, and to Mr. Bell for taking charge of the box-office and cheerfully "pushing" the sale of tickets.

Although I cannot criticize my fellow-actors, I would like to mention the delightful dancing of the fairies, who were played by members of the first and second forms. Peter Brookes also deserves credit for his marvellous interpretation of Puck, which must have been a difficult part.

I think it would be safe to say that 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' was a successful production, and I hope that the tradition will be carried on by the achievement of a similar success next year.

I. Ison.

THE RADIO CLUB

Secretary: D. Wright.

Treasurer: J. M. Chapman.

The Radio Club still has a small but enthusiastic membership, the upper school being mostly represented.

Activities have included both lectures and practical work. The sixth form members completed the stroboscope unit which

was started last year. It is now in use in the Physics laboratory. The fifth form members completed the light sensitive switch and counter device for the Physics laboratory. Experiments have also been carried out using the Van de Graff generator, capable of producing nearly half a million volts, and the microwave transmitter and receiver producing waves similar to those used in Radar.

We would like to thank Mr. Guillaume for giving up so much of his valuable time to give us a talk about tape-recording. This talk was well attended and proved to be most informative. Mr. Guillaume also brought his tape-recorder and showed us some of the techniques involved in tape-recording.

Another speaker we would like to thank is Mr. J. Badger, who gave us a talk and demonstration about radio components and their operation.

Chittock (VA) recently gave a lecture on the valve and the cathode ray oscilloscope, with the aid of some film-strips. He was assisted by Cox. D. Wright gave a lecture on 'Receiver Aerials' and also brought a newly constructed receiver to be examined by club members. In the near future Parkes will give a lecture on 'Radio Control'.

We hope next year will be equally successful, and that the membership of the club will increase, especially amongst the Middle School.

D. Wright, U.VI.

THE ART SOCIETY

The most active members of the society this year, have again been those from the lower school. A competition was held at the end of the summer term, and those entries which were received were displayed in the Arts and Crafts exhibition on Sports Day. A book token was given as the prize in each of the three groups, and the winners were Susan Holmes, Annabel Smith and Hilary Jackson. Congratulations must also go to Cotter and Judith Orange whose contributions were commended by Mrs. Harrison who judged the competition.

Instead of the annual visit to Birmingham Art Gallery, members visited the Midland Institute at Cannon Hill Park and several members went with the fifth form art group to see Worcester Cathedral. In the coming holidays Miss Simm will be taking a group on a visit to Italy.

On behalf of the society members I would again like to thank Miss Simm for all her work connected with the society.

Ingrid Ison, U.VI, Secretary.

BADMINTON CLUB

Attendance at this activity was greater this year than last, and two matches were played, both of which were against Alcester Warwickshire Club. We were represented in our matches by the following people: Cotter, Vondrak, Righton Bakewell, Mason, M. Wright and P. Mahoney. The school won the first match by five games to three with one drawn and won the second match by five games to four. Practices have taken place on Tuesday and Friday evenings and next year should be even more successful than this year.

I. K. Mason (Captain and Secretary).

FIELD CLUB

The membership of the Field Club has increased considerably this year thanks to the interest of the members of the Lower School. Members have given a variety of very interesting talks, debates and lectures which have been enjoyed by everyone.

The trip this year to Chester Zoo on the 8th July was highly successful, being both interesting and informative. We would like to thank Mrs. Bonham, Mrs. Secker, Mr. Clark and Mr. Packham for accompanying us.

Members of the Field Club were very sad to hear that Mr. Packham is leaving. On behalf of all the members, past and present, I would like to offer our very sincere thanks for all the time and work Mr. Packham has given to ensure the success of the Society. We hope the Field Club will continue on the firm basis Mr. Packham has laid down.

G. Payton (Secretary).

BARNARDO HELPERS LEAGUE

This year we have said goodbye to Miss Phillips who has been the organiser in this part of the Midlands for eighteen years. After a serious operation last winter she recovered well enough to take up her duties again but decided that she must give up her full-time post, though she hopes still to serve Barnardo's Home in some capacity. We are very grateful indeed to her for all the help she has given our branch and send her our best wishes for her semi-retirement.

On her last visit to the School, Miss Phillips said that during her time our annual contribution rose from £15 to our total of £124.15.9 for 1964. This included a sum of £100.13.8 from the boxes which was unusually large because the box collection was postponed for three months until February 1965 as a result

of Miss Phillips' illness. The Christmas Tree collection amounted to £23.5.1, and seventeen new members were enrolled.

The grand total so far subscribed by this branch is £1,264.11.4, a fact of which we can be very proud.

H.M.H.

UPPER SIXTH FORM NOTES

This year, in accordance with custom, several members of the Upper Sixth have met with rather unpleasant accidents. One unfortunate character was knocked unconscious by a milk-crate (fortunately empty at the time) but as he has appeared no different from usual we conclude that nothing was damaged. Some aspiring scientists became over enthusiastic during an experiment and got showered with acid and one athletic member of the arts group had to have a painful operation after suffering a blow on the leg. We should also like to report that the sixth form room was much quieter for almost a month due to one of our number having an argument with her cat which resulted in a rare case of 'cat-bite' fever, an unpleasant (and, it has been suggested, mythical) disease. Even after her recovery, we were deprived of this young lady's presence on the games field as any 'violent' exercise caused her rash to appear. (Needless to say none of us ever saw even a hint of this rash.)

During the early part of the year, if any member of the lower school had entered the sacred precincts of the sixth form room they would have been startled to see sixth formers sitting round a table with expressions of extreme concentration on their faces — talking to a wine-glass! Our minds had not been disturbed by the threat of exams (contrary to common belief) but we were bent on communicating with the spirit world and for a short while one or two of us actually seemed to believe that if one concentrated hard enough some obliging spirit would dive into the glass and spell out intriguing messages. It soon became obvious, however, that the mysterious messages were spelt out by rather solid spirits!

At Christmas the boys of the Upper Sixth were persuaded to appear in a somewhat unusual production of a scene from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' — and delightful fairies they made too! Perhaps their dancing was not quite up to Sadler's Wells standard but they were flattered to learn that some members of the school recognised their ballet sequence as the 'Dance of the Little Swans' from 'Swan Lake'.

We would all like to thank the Reverend Emrys-Jones for the encouragement he has given us during the year. Our discussions with him have been both interesting and helpful.

We conclude by wishing good luck to all those who join the select ranks of the Upper Sixth form next year.

LOWER SIXTH FORM NOTES

The Lower Sixth has been unusually large this year, with fourteen boys and eleven girls. Included in these numbers are eighteen prefects, much to the horror of the lower school. The male section of the Sixth, because of the large numbers, has been excessively noisy, the females their usual demure selves.

There have not been the usual stock of accidents this year but one chemist displayed typically Dutch courage when he stuck his thumb in a broken water main!

When the time for the move into the Upper Sixth's shoes came we also had to move into their room, which we found to be like a sardine tin, we the sardines! However, the Lower Sixth will look forward to another school year as the Upper Sixth.

OLLA PODRIDA

J.W.B. said to VI Maths set: "Don't worry! I'm still on a curling stone!"

J.R.P. says that the muscles of a dogfish are all numbered.

L.S. from IS: A toadstool is simply any kind of fungus with a cap, on which a toad or frog might sit.

M.M. of 4A: The hamster is kept in a darkened bell-jar to prevent it using carbon dioxide in photosynthesis.

J.B. of 2L says she left her kidneys out yesterday after the Biology exam.

G.J. of IS: The orange Alf Cap shoots its spores off all at the same time.

A.W. of LVI: Beside him was a corpse which had just died.

G.H. of 4B: In winter there is no light so plants get rid of their leaves.

S.H. of IS: These kinds of plants have habitats.

G.H. of 4B: The buds are very sticky and arranged in their shapes and sizes.

'Vegetable propaganda' is part of the Biology Syllabus, according to S.W. of 5A.

On S.P.'s. report: She is a very pretty sewer.

LITERARY EFFORT

Magazine articles wanted!
 Start now!
 That's why I'm sitting here.
 Ground hard and damp.
 Wham of tennis balls, voices of umpires.
 Tree branches cast shadows.
 Birds in branches drop insects.
 (Usually squashed).
 Enter a long red insect — exit right.
 Voice off: "Haven't you started yet?"
 Write title. Cross it out.
 Birds, umpires, etc. very soothing.
 Can't concentrate.
 There's the bell.
 Good!
 Excuse to give up the idea of writing
 a magazine article.

Hilary Jackson, LVI.

WHO IS NEXT FOR AN M.B.E. ?

Nowadays M.B.E's. and similar awards seem to be given out to almost anybody. This year M.B.E's. were given to Violet Carson and Jack Warner for acting on television; Frankie Vaughan for his work for Youth Organisations; Robert Dougall, a B.B.C. news-reader; and the Beatles. C.B.E's. have also gone to Alexander Grant, the Royal Ballet dancer; soprano Heather Harper; painter John Vaughan, and architect John Austin-Smith. Who is going to get one next, and where will it all end?

It is easy to understand why Mr. Hector-Dupuis has sent his award back. He received his M.B.E. as the director of the selective call-up system in Quebec. A former policeman, who gained his M.B.E. for chasing armed bandits in Italy has returned his award. I can sympathise with these men as they deserve their awards, but their reasons for sending them back are wrong! Mr. Dupuis singles out the Beatles and accuses them of being vulgar nincompoops. He makes no mention of Violet Carson, Jack Warner or Robert Dougall. Surely the Beatles have done more for the country than these three. The Beatles have given British artists a style which has made British groups successful all over the world. The Beatles alone have sold millions of records abroad and this has been financially beneficial to the country.

If painters, dancers and opera singers, who are only appreciated by a few people, get C.B.E's., why should not the Beatles,

who are appreciated by millions, and known the world over, get something better?

I would like to end by saying that under the present system of awarding M.B.E's. the Beatles have more than earned theirs and have done more for the country than other members of the world of entertainment. However, some restraint should be brought in before it is too late.

T. R. Jones, LVI.

GOING DOWN!

Two weeks ago I found myself standing on the side of the road in the drizzling rain, in the company of six other Rangers. Passing cars were almost driven off the road by drivers who craned their necks to goggle at our group. This was hardly surprising, since we all looked as though we were related to the robot men of 'Doctor Who' fame! Each girl was natively attired in a pea-green, rubber boiler-suit, which was tightly fastened at the wrist and the ankle. A tin hat, equipped with a light, the battery of which was strapped round the waist, was one's head-gear, and to complete the outfit, a pair of rubber boots (at least two sizes too large) was worn. This outfit is essential for those who intend to go potholing, and must be worn over one's oldest and warmest clothes. Thus we were equipped to go down.

To reach the pothole, called 'Jackpot', we stumbled clumsily over about half-a-mile of fields. Even at this stage nearly everyone's hat began to slip forward and obscure one's vision, and it was frequently necessary to push the hat back.

The actual descent, and return journey took about three hours, and we went down nearly two hundred feet. The passage followed the course of a river, and conditions were wet, and later, excessively muddy. Helped by the two instructors, the six intrepid explorers crawled through narrow passages, climbed down waterfalls, waded through icy pools, or nearly fell into seemingly bottomless pits as they clung to slippery rocks. On our descent we met three other potholers, one of whom remarked that he had never seen so many women down a pothole! We also found a packet of muddy sandwiches which none of us fancied. No casualties occurred, but any of us who had managed to preserve clean faces were treated to a mud pack, and my guide belt slipped out of my boiler suit, and was carried to the bowels of the earth by the fast-flowing river.

We surfaced, tired, wet and indescribably muddy, although we were not cold. As we tramped back to civilisation car-drivers exhibited hysterical mirth as they caught sight of us. Neverthe-

less it had been a fantastic experience, full of excitement, and marvellous sights such as the curtains of snow-white stalactites we had seen. Despite our repulsive appearance, we had thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

To any would-be potholers I give this advice; wear very old clothes, since mud and water seep in through any crack, and also wear a tight-fitting helmet. To offset discomfort one has a sense of achievement after going potholing, and also a fabulous set of bruises which prove one's daring and bravery in journeying downwards!

Ingrid Ison, U.VI.

GOING UP!

We are standing on the concrete platform waiting for the cable-car, which will carry us up and up to the top of the Aiguille du Midi. The cable-car descends slowly through the clouds, red, box-shaped and, as I look round at all the people waiting to board it, too small! Quickly, and not very accurately, I count heads; the total staggers me and I search wildly for an exit, but I am too hemmed-in to escape. Conversation comes to me in waves; French, Italian, German pass me by, unintelligible, but one conversation imprints itself in my mind.

"Yes. Just over there. The aeroplane cut clean through the cables; everyone was killed!"

Why my father brought that up, I can't imagine. Ingrid looks rather unwell, maybe I can use her as an excuse to — No, here is the cable-car. Everyone is rushing to get near a window. I join in the scramble. Triumphant, I squeeze against a window clutching my ticket and Ingrid, scowling ferociously at an elderly German who is trying to oust me from my place. Awed, he steps back. Realising that everyone is in the tiny compartment, I crane my neck to see whether the steel cables are showing signs of strain. All seems safe.

Chamonix grows smaller and smaller; becomes a toy-town, with a population of flies. I peer down at the green mountain slopes in the hopes of seeing some gentians or edelweiss — I'm beginning to think they are imported! Everyone is chattering and clicking cameras. If Ingrid drops her camera out of the window, I'll pretend I'm French!

Suddenly we're cut off from the sunshine; cloud surrounds us and the car purrs on through the swirling whiteness. We jolt to a halt. I dismiss the idea that we're broken down when I see everyone scrambling out. It seems we change cars here. All I can see is cloud; cold, clammy cloud. Whilst waiting for the next car, a little man in a Tyrolean hat flashes his gold teeth at us

and, pointing at the cloud, says 'London, London!' Accurately interpreting this as a reference to the fog, we beam and say 'Ja, Ja', which leads him, mistakenly to think we speak German.

The car arrives and we begin our ascent again. At about 10,000 feet, my ears feel as if someone is sitting on my head playing bongoes. Then we emerge from the cloud — the view is bewildering. Through a gap in the clouds, I see Chamonix, golden in the sunshine and blue-white snow-covered peaks surround us.

We halt and get out. The man in front of us faints. I feel a bit lightheaded. We're over two miles up and it is well below freezing point. Climbing some steps to a little platform, we join with tourists of every nationality in composing our frozen features and bravely suppressing our shivers so that we can carry home photos of us and Mont Blanc.

Soon it is time to go down. We scramble back into a cable-car, leaving the sparkling mountains — going down!

Ann Ramwell, U.VI.

CO-OPERATION IN SNOWDONIA

The field week in the Snowdonia region of North Wales was made possible due to co-operation between the staff of Alcester Grammar School and Redditch County High School (namely Mr. Packham of Alcester and Mr. Thomas and Miss Venables of Redditch) to whom many thanks are owed. Only two sixth-form students and Mr. Packham went from Alcester, but the whole party consisted of 15 students and 3 staff. Unfortunately the Alcester contingent did not take part in the first part of the activities, since they did not arrive at the Mountain Centre until the afternoon of Wednesday, April 7th. Although conditions were described as primitive and spartan, all members of the party greatly enjoyed the week.

On Thursday, Mr. Packham gave a lecture on ecology, after which the party went to the Beddgelert State Forest, where they were shown round by the District Forest Officer. Various aspects of forestry were shown to us. Many genera of trees are present in the forest, which is predominantly a spruce forest and a small number of pines which are used for pit-props. Much research is being done at this forest into the best species of tree which can be grown above two thousand feet.

The following day was reserved for the climb of Snowdon. The day began at 6.45 a.m. with the preparation of sandwiches for the day. After a very hearty breakfast, the party left the hostel at 9.15 a.m. with the prospect of cloudy weather. As we

climbed further up the Watkin Path, the cloud appeared to lift and everyone thought that we would reach the summit and also do some Arctic-Alpine ecology. Around 2,750 feet the cloud descended once again, precipitating snow and hail around us. The cloud became worse and it was decided that we must turn back and descend the path. When we reached the hostel everyone was very wet, but nevertheless spirits were high. Our only regret was that the aims of our climb were not achieved.

On Saturday a visit was made to Church Island, Anglesey, where the day was spent studying inter-tidal ecology and much was learnt about the zonation of animals and plants on the sea-shore.

We left the hostel on Sunday morning having had a most interesting and informative week and also hoping that we had begun the first phase in a useful and worthwhile relationship between Alcester Grammar School and Redditch County High School.

I. K. Mason.

JUDO

The art of Judo originated in China, where a man observed the reaction of trees to the wind. He noticed that a small sapling with a pliable trunk bent with the wind, springing back into position afterwards. A large tree with a brittle trunk would simply break under similar strain. He thought this could also be applied to man; thus the weight of an opponent can be used to one's own advantage. Since then Judo has been adopted as the national sport of Japan, as well as being taught in countries all over the world.

Boys in Japan start learning Judo at a very early age; they wear coloured rings on their belts to show which standard they have reached. After the age of fourteen coloured belts can be worn. Red is the first, being given to novices, this standard is seventh 'kyu'. The Japanese word 'kyu' means pupil. Colours of belt include yellow (fifth kyu), blue (second kyu) and end with brown (first kyu). The black belt is for those of first dan standard, 'dan' means teacher. Standards go up to twelfth dan but this has never yet been attained.

Contrary to popular opinion Judo needs a great deal of energy, though not strength. The weight of ones opponent is the weapon used. Exercises at the beginning of each session are necessary to strengthen certain muscles and to accustom the body to unusual positions. A rondori, or bout, usually lasts three minutes. During this time the aim is to throw one's

4. **Powerful Reducing agent.** Can reduce men to shivering wrecks in seconds, and many specimens will rapidly reduce bank accounts in several days.
5. Possesses a great affinity for such metals as Gold, Silver, Platinum and also precious stones.
6. Ages rapidly; but the agreed conventional age is 21 years.

Uses

1. Will act as a catalyst in the production of fevers.
2. It is illegal in most countries to possess more than one.

S. Chittock, VA.

THE DAWN

As the dawn is slowly breaking,
 The sun peeps through the sky,
 The early birds start singing,
 While the night clouds drift on by.
 The dew on the grass is glistening,
 While heads of the flowers peep.
 The mist from the meadow is rising.
 As everyone wakes from sweet sleep.

Suzanne Baylis, IS.

WHO KILLED WALTER GRIMMSHAW'S MOTHER ?

My name is a secret but my code number is 000h! I am a stand-in (or is it a stand-out? No, it must be a stand-in because the door is closed and there are no chairs,) for James Bond, (007).

I was walking along the High Street one day when I heard screams coming from no. 37. I thought (I had never had enough courage to do this before; it was a strain at first but the longer I thought the easier it became). Suddenly it came to me: someone was screaming. I took two bottles of aspirin and rushed into No. 37, but it was too late! There on the floor lay Mrs. Grimmshaw. I had only delayed two hours but the murderer had got away. I looked on the floor and there was a note. It said: 'Look in No. 3 dustbin in the next back alley.' I rushed over to the alley and there was the culprit. I took out my biretta, aimed and squeezed the trigger. Then a funny thing happened: a little piece of lead flew out of the gun. The culprit stopped the piece of lead with a dust-bin lid which made a lovely twanging noise. This noise soothed me, so I did it until I fell asleep. When I woke up, I saw Walter Grimmshaw eating porridge and reading 'Noddy goes to Town'. I pulled out my inflatable sub-machine gun and shot him!

Ian Jones, IS.

opponent well and gain one point. A bad throw merits only half a point but can be followed by ground-work; keeping the opponent in an official hold for thirty seconds or gaining a submission is worth another half point.

Judo is not a means of self defence, it is a sport, unlike judo or accido which require physical strength and can be used in everyday life. All three need constant practice if a high standard of proficiency is to be attained.

Christine Whateley, L.VI.

PREPARATION AND PROPERTIES OF A WOMAN

The old formula for this compound (sugar and spice and all things nice) has long been disproved, and so there is no means of preparing this compound in the laboratory. However, specimens of women are found in all parts of the world in unusual abundance, so a laboratory-prepared specimen should not be necessary.

Physical Properties

1. **Colour.** Usually a light pink, but an unpolished specimen can be made to turn green in the presence of a polished one.
2. The surface of many specimens is usually covered with a film of paint or oxide, to prevent the natural colour showing.
3. **Density.** The density of this compound is not as great as is usually supposed.
4. **Atomic weight.** The accepted value for this is 120 but some isotopes have been known to vary from 100-180.
5. **Boiling Point.** There is no known boiling point for this compound. A specimen will sometimes boil and begin to fume without cause.
6. **Magnetic Qualities.** These are exhibited in the presence of noble metals.

These properties may vary considerably in a masculine atmosphere.

Chemical properties

1. **Valency.** Usually this compound has a valency of one, but some specimens have been known to have valencies of up to five men.
2. Highly explosive and dangerous in the wrong hands.
3. Has the ability to absorb incredible amounts of expensive foods.

SCHOOL LEAVERS, JULY 1965

Upper Sixth. Aileen Boyd—Gloucester Domestic Science College. Patricia Bullock—French at the University of Kent. Ingrid Ison and Ann Ramwell—English at East Anglia University. Lindsay Morrison—Lancaster, Susan Perkins—Brighton, Sylvia Jones—St. Hild's (all Teachers' Training Colleges). Mason—Veterinary medicine at Cambridge University. Budgen—Social Science, Tuckey—Economics, both at Newcastle University. Tanner—Mathematics at Sheffield University. Wright—Electronics at University of Bangor.

VA. Yvonne Hart—secretarial course. Jennifer O'Dell—short-hand typist at Maudsley Motor Company. Elaine Woodcock—Stratford College of Further Education. Lorna Wollnough—N.F.U. Stratford. K. Forster—drawing office at Needle Industries. Janice Wells—animal nursing. G. Lewis—agriculture. Yvonne Smith—Wellsbourne Vegetable Research Station as scientific assistant. Wendy Faulkner, Janet O'Dell, Jennifer Chambers—Redditch College of Further Education. Juliet Blundell—banking.

VB. Sandra Howard, Marion Williams, Eleanor Billington, Joy Le Resche—secretarial course at Stratford Technical College. Maureen Grubb—banking. Jean Cund—nursery nurse. Cox—five-year apprenticeship at Hymatic. Harris—farming. Oakes—quantity surveying. Margaret Collins—hairdressing. Geraldine Payton—teaching mentally handicapped children at Warwick. Jennifer Tallis—Birmingham College of Food and Domestic Art. Elaine Thomas—banking.

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

We are very grateful to Mr. V. V. Druller who supplied most of the following information.

K. A. Billington (scholar 1953-55) is now in charge of a Nursing Station in Canada, 300 miles inside the Arctic Circle.

P. C. Cooke (scholar 1950-55) has passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Pamela Wilkes (scholar 1954-59) and Carole Smith (scholar 1955-61) have passed the examination for S.R.N.

J. M. Stewart (scholar 1936-44) has been appointed Chairman, and G. T. Collins (scholar 1934-40) Vice-Chairman of the Alcester Rural District Council. (We apologise to Mr. Stewart for giving his sister's school dates in our last issue of the Record).

A. W. Thornton (1949-55), after nearly four year's with National and Grindley's Bank in Calcutta and Madras, has returned to Lloyds Bank at Redditch. Since his return he has passed the Final examination for the A.I.B.

D. M. Thorton (1954-60) has passed the Final examination for the Associateship of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (A.C.A.).

J. H. Price (1957-62) gained the Certificate of Merit with Credit in Machinery after completing a year's course at Warwickshire Institute of Agriculture. He also won the prize given by the Millers Mutual Association "to the student who has maintained a satisfactory standard of work and conduct and contributed most to the success of the course."

Linda Savage (1954-61) was placed in Class 2, division II on the Honours English B.A. Course at Durham University. She is taking a Diploma in Education at Leicester University.

Jennifer Mason (1955-62) gained a pass degree with distinction at Liverpool University and is taking honours in biochemistry for one year.

M. Hemming has been granted a Worcs. County award to a University.

Wendy Padbury (1959-63) has played several small parts on B.B.C. and I.T.V. She is now appearing in a television serial "Crossroads".

BIRTHS

1964

On August 8th to Mr. and Mrs. R. Byrd (née Doreen Etsell)—a daughter.

On August 24th to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Waters (née Sally Hunt)—a son.

On September 15th to Mr. and Mrs. P. Churchley—a daughter.

On October 1st to Mr. and Mrs. G. Trueman (née Pauline Chandler)—a daughter.

On October 4th to Mr. and Mrs. J. Pritchard—a son.

On November 7th to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cooke—a son.

On November 21st to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ore—a daughter.

On November 25th to Mr. and Mrs. P. Roberts (née Stephanie Beauchamp)—a daughter.

On November 29th to Mr. and Mrs. A. Hunt (née Lynne Tyler)—a daughter.

On December 23rd to Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Fogg—a daughter.

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- On January 3rd to Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Mander (née Margaret Woodfield)—a son.
- On January 9th to Mr. and Mrs. L. Reynolds (née Frances Highman)—a daughter.
- On March 5th to Mr. and Mrs. R. Walton (née Jane Dayer-Smith)—a daughter.
- On March 25th to Mr. and Mrs. L. Parker (née Doreen Jones)—a son.
- On March 31st to Mr. and Mrs. D. Berry (née Barbara Heighway)—a son.
- On April 3rd to Mr. and Mrs. G. Keyte (née Lynda Croyden)—a daughter.
- On April 9th to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Stanley (née Cherry James) a daughter.
- On April 18th to Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Harman (née Sylvia Bint)—a son.
- On April 27th to Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bristow—a son.
- On May 7th to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Freeman (née Mary Williams)—a daughter.
- On May 7th to Mr. and Mrs. G. Drinkwater—a son.
- On May 12th to Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Pinfield—a daughter.
- On June 1st to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lawrance (née Jill Bunting)—a daughter.
- On June 11th to Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrance (née Sheila Woodhouse)—a son.
- On June 12th to Mr. and Mrs. J. Daffin (née Rosalie Bolt)—a daughter.
- On June 15th to Mr. and Mrs. D. Cowper (née Sheila Winspear)—twin sons.
- On June 16th to Mr. and Mrs. E. Keyte (née Betty Phillips)—a daughter.
- On June 24th to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Smith—a son.
- On June 30th to Mr. and Mrs. H. Goodwin (née Gillian Winspear)—a daughter.
- On July 10th to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Haines—a son.
- On August 6th to Mr. and Mrs. G. Breeze (née Jennifer Burden)—twin son and daughter.
- On August 24th to Mr. and Mrs. D. Dipple—a daughter.

MARRIAGES

On September 5th at Bidford-on-Avon, Roderick Hugh Jones to Diane Elizabeth Cross (scholar 1956-61).

On September 12th at Cefn Maur, Neville J. Pinfield (scholar 1950-57) to Heulwen Bowen.

On September 12th at Binton, Raymond Ingram to Mary Jordan (scholar 1955-60).

On September 19th at Tanworth-in-Arden, William Kenneth Wood to Jean Elizabeth MacPherson Pirie (scholar 1954-60).

On October 10th at Beoley, Michael Alan Batchelor (scholar 1952-57) to Suzan Harris.

On October 17th at Englwood, New Jersey, Michael Malin (scholar 1947-52) to Yvonne Baker.

On October 24th at Headless Cross, John William Shakles (scholar 1953-58) to Rhoda Anne Chadband.

On October 24th at Studley, Keith Melley to Janet Mary Biddle (scholar 1953-58).

On November 7th at Alcester, David R. Hancox (scholar 1955-60) to Jean Rosemary Baylis (scholar 1956-61).

On November 21st at Alcester, Jeffrey Gordon Young to Patricia Rose Baylis (scholar 1958-63).

On February 19th at Kenilworth, Allan Griffiths to Kathleen Wilson (scholar 1937-44).

On February 20th at Alcester, Robert Norman Butler to Patricia Margaret Sherlock (scholar 1956-61).

On February 27th at Welford-on-Avon, Michael John Smith (scholar 1957-62) to Mary C. Bott (scholar 1957-62).

On March 6th at Alcester, Derek Leonard Chambers (scholar 1954-59) to Sally Elizabeth Woodhouse.

On March 20th at Alveston, Terry O'Nions to Sheila M. Wiles (scholar 1955-58).

On April 3rd at Wythall, Bernard J. Shaw to Jacqueline P. Ramsey (scholar 1954-60).

On April 22nd at Evington, Gerald D. Birch (scholar 1952-55) to Sheila Briers.

On April 24th at Stratford-on-Avon, Ronald Frederick Hartill (scholar 1952-57) to Eileen Elizabeth Seeney (scholar 1954-59).

On May 1st at Wilkes-Barne, U.S.A., Martin James Cunningham to Veronica Anne Prokain (scholar 1955-60).

On July 17th at Dover, David Alan Lancaster (scholar 1953-50) to Sandra Margaret Jones.

On July 23rd at Stratford-on-Avon, Michael Robin Dunn to Philippa Jane Eborall (scholar 1955-62).

On July 31st at Alcester, Thomas Hutchinson to Eileen Christine Moore (1953-60).

On August 7th at Redditch, Kenneth Burton to Audrey East (scholar 1952-57).

OXFORD GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, 1965

Advanced Level

An asterisk denotes that the highest grade obtained in the subject has been awarded. The Merit Grade is awarded on the special paper.

R. P. Budgen, English Literature*, French, History.
 J. M. Chapman, Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics.
 I. K. Mason, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.
 R. W. Tanner, Pure Mathematics*, Applied Mathematics, Physics
 J. S. Tuckey, Geography (Merit), Pure Mathematics, Chemistry.
 D. A. Wright, Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics* (Merit),
 Physics* (Merit).
 Aileen Boyd, History.
 Patricia Bullock, English Literature, French, Biology.
 Ingrid Ison, English Literature, French, History.
 Sylvia Jones, English Literature.
 Roberta Landucci, English Literature, French, Spanish.
 Lindsay Morrison, English Literature, French.
 Susan Perkins, History.
 Ann Ramwell, English Literature* (Merit), French, History.

Ordinary Level

Key: English Language, e; English Literature, E; Latin, L; French, F; Spanish, S; History, H; Geography, G; Religious Knowledge, R; Mathematics, M; Physics, P; Chemistry, C; Biology, B; Human Biology, hb; Engineering Drawing, D; Woodwork, W; Art, A; Cookery, Co. An asterisk indicates that the highest grade in a subject has been obtained.

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ITALY 1965**When in Rome . . .**

When we finally reached Rome, all we wanted was a good night's rest. The journey began on Tuesday, 27th July when the party of ten of us, led by Miss Simm and Mrs. Secker, left Stratford; it lasted thirty-six hours, two of which were spent in a siding at Chiasso on the Swiss-Italian border, by courtesy of the Italian customs officials. At Milan we were given two packed meals which included Chianti, rolls, chicken, ham, cheese and

large-bore spaghetti in meat sauce — our first introduction to Italian cooking.

The student-hostel at which we stayed was spacious and very modern — perfect except it was a long bus-ride from the city centre. Once there, we climbed the Quirinal hill, from which we had a good view of the city and saw St. Peter's for the first time; we also walked to the famous Trevi fountain, into which some of us threw coins to ensure our return to Rome. Rather late in the afternoon we went to the sea at Ostia, and that night to an open-air performance of the opera 'Cavalleria Rusticana' and the ballet 'Sylvia' at the Baths of Caracalla, an immense and impressive ruin which made an excellent setting.

In St. Peter's we spent a good deal of time admiring Michelangelo's *Pieta*, until we were informed that it was a copy of the original statue, which was at the World Fair. In the Vatican we saw the Sistine Chapel, with its ceiling and end wall frescoed by Michelangelo, but though the figures and scenes were striking and impressive when viewed individually, the overall effect was dark, brownish and rather confused. We saw other works of art here, and throughout the holiday, which was primarily for the study of Italian art, we saw a good many famous paintings, sculptures and buildings.

On a conducted tour of the city by coach we stopped to get a brief look at the Capitol and Forum, the Colosseum, the Basilica of St. Paul outside the city and the Church of St. Peter in Chains, inside which is Michelangelo's statue of Moses.

On our last day in Rome brief visits were made to the Pantheon, to see its remarkable dome, and to the Villa Farnesina to see Raphael's fresco of the nymph Galatea.

The hottest part of the day was spent swimming and sun-bathing on the beach at Fregene. Behind it are large stretches of pinewoods reminding us of the set for 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', except for the black ants about half an inch long, moving about on the ground.

We started back fairly early, intending to see the sunset from the Spanish Steps. Owing to the vagaries of Italian buses, we arrived at the Spanish steps some time after the moon had risen, and went to the *Cafè Greco*, to which all famous visitors go, according to the guide book. Thus refreshed, we summoned the energy to climb the steps and look out across the city.

The following morning we set off for Florence.

Hilary Jackson, L.VI.

In Florence

Our first visit was to the Cathedral and Baptistry. After admiring their many treasures we continued to the Piazza della Signoria and on to the Ponte Vecchio, lingering at the many leather and jewellery stalls. After dinner some of us attended a delightful concert in the courtyard of the Pitti Palace. Florence seems to abound in palaces built by dukes who were always trying to keep up with the Medicis.

There was considerable opportunity for the artists amongst us to sketch. The roof-garden of the hotel commanded a magnificent view of the Cathedral and of the other towers of Florence. We were made aware of the proximity of the Cathedral at seven o'clock on Monday morning when we were rudely awakened by the resounding chimes of the bells in Giotto's great campanile.

We visited the Church of the Badia and the Bargello museum where we saw many fine Donatellos. Later we admired frescoes in the Churches of Santa Maria Novella and Santa Maria del Carmine, and in the Ricoardi-Medici palace. From there we took a bus to the charming village of Fiesole and were rewarded by the view of Florence from the top of the hill.

Tuesday was spent on a coach trip to Siena. On the way we visited the charming medieval town of San Gimignano, called the city of towers, for at one time it was said to have over seventy; now only thirteen remain, but they provided plenty of scope for the photographers of the group. On arrival at Siena, the main place of interest was the Byzantine-Gothic Cathedral which would have been the largest in the world in its time if work on it had not been discontinued owing to the plague of 1348. In the adjoining Museum we saw Duccio's "Maestà" which was painted for the High Altar and has recently been cleaned.

Wednesday began with a visit to the Uffizi gallery. After admiring the many treasures therein we made our way by horse-drawn cabs to the Church of San Lorenzo to see the Medici tombs carved by Michelangelo. At the Academy we saw the statue of David and other unfinished sculptures by Michelangelo.

In the evening some of us paid a moonlight visit to the Ponte Vecchio where we were serenaded to the strumming of a guitar (Beatles' songs, of course) — the perfect ending to a marvellous holiday.

Celia Burn, LVI.

(Apologies to the contributors for severely pruning their detailed accounts of the visit to Italy.)

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